

**TOWN OF SUPERIOR
MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 17, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Valenzuela called meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Valenzuela led Council, staff and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor Dennis Van Gorp, Family Life Christian Center led the invocation. Pastor Van Gorp asked for special prayers for Councilmember Aguilar's father who is very sick.

ROLL CALL

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| Mayor | Jayme Valenzuela |
| Vice Mayor | Olga Lopez |
| Councilmember | Michael Alonzo |
| Councilmember | Mila Besich-Lira |
| Councilmember | Steve Estatico |
| Councilmember | John Tameron |
| Councilmember | Gilbert Aguilar / Absent |

VISITORS PRESENT

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| Sandra Doyle | Robert Saldano |
| Curt Williams | Hank Gutierrez |
| Melina Valenzuela | Tina Gutierrez |
| Velsea Torres | Merilee Kinney |
| Sylvia Perez | Pat Richards |
| Richard Owens | Nina Crowder |
| Nancy Vogler | Joy Eveland |
| Maryilee Lasch | Bharellie Tameron |
| Sonnie Sansom | Chris Villaverde |
| David Rabago | Tabitha Villaverde |
| Melissa Rabago | Keri Richards |
| Bill Vogel | Christina Valenzuela |
| Patrick O'donnell | |

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Two New Town Employees, Officer Michael Jardine by Chief Mark Nipp; Argel Quiroz, Public Works, part time, by Public Works Supervisor Anthony Huerta. Officer Jardine was hired 3 weeks ago. Office Jardine comes to work for the Town with 4 years of experience from Prescott Valley. Chief Nipp said Superior Police Department is very excited to have him here. Officer Jardine stated he is honored to be here and humbled and ready to do a good job for this community.

Public Works Supervisor, Mr. Huerta introduced Argel Quiroz. Mr. Quiroz has been a lifelong resident of Superior. He is a good asset to this department and to the Town. Town Manager stated that Argel has already covered as van driver for the Senior Center since the regular driver was out sick.

- A. City of Mesa Councilmember Dave Richins, Assistant Chief Jim Bloomer, Mesa Fire Department. Mr. Richins introduced Mr. Bloomer from the City of Mesa. He also wanted to acknowledge Mr. David Rabago an employee for the City of Mesa and one of their top mechanics. Mr. Rabago had a lot to do with the process of getting the fire engine ready and making sure that everything was in working order and ready for delivery. Mr. Bloomer said that this fire truck has been a good truck and the City of Mesa is very happy to donate the truck to the Town of Superior and be of assistance to the community. Motion was made to take a short recess for pictures and allow staff and residents to see the new fire truck up close, motion by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Councilmember Estatico, motion carries at 7:12 pm.

Motion to return to regular session made by Councilmember Estatico, second by Vice Mayor Lopez, motion carries at 7:20 pm. Mayor thanked the City of Mesa and Mr. Rabago for their efforts to get the fire truck for the Town of Superior. It will be a great asset to the Town and the residents.

REPORTS

Fire: Question by Councilmember Estatico regarding fundraising. He wanted to know about the money that is raised. Does that go into a separate account for the Fire Department or does that go into the General Fund Account? Fire Chief Pryor stated that it goes into the General Fund. Mr. Estatico wanted to know if there is any way to keep that separate. Ms. Gaston, Town Manager, said they could probably earmark it so that it is just for the Fire Department.

Councilmember Alonzo said he was excited to see a five year plan on his report. He also asked if anyone from staff was willing or able to help him brain storm with some ideas. Mr. Pryor stated that at this time there is not enough man power to do that, and perhaps when he has a draft ready he will bring it forth to staff and Council.

Councilmember Besich-Lira had a comment; she appreciated all of the ideas for Code Enforcement. Ms. Besich-Lira would like to request from staff to schedule a work session so we can get going on some of those ideas.

Councilmember Estatico asked about the Wildland Program and how that works. Where does the money from the Wildland Fires go? Chief Pryor said it goes into the General Fund. It was suggested by the Council to put it into a fund of their own so if it is needed it is available. Right now the money has to come out of the General Fund so the Town has to fund any money to pay for payroll, vehicle expenses up front. It does take a long time to get the money reimbursed to the Town, so all funding is paid up front by the Town.

Management makes the decision as to which campaign fires the local fire department goes on. The Fire Department is not looking to go on any campaign fires for lack of funding.

Councilmember Tameron asked if we could fund it, do we have the man power. Todd said we have had a hard time staffing but the out of town reserves has helped with that.

Mayor stated that it is difficult to go out and help right now due to financial restraints. Sometimes we do not get our money back for 6 to 8 months and sometimes it takes up to a year. Todd stated that they are looking at some fundraising ideas to do in the future.

Library: Josie Campos, Library Director presented the Council members with a small token to celebrate National Library Week. She encouraged all to visit the Library and help them celebrate

Police: Councilmember Estatico asked to explain his program "Coffee with the Chief". This will be open to anyone who would like to discuss anything having to do with Police work or just talk about what is going on in Town and with the department. Mayor asked the Chief to clarify how our animal control process works. He is aware that he met with Pinal County. Chief stated residents call the Police Department, then they will contact Public Works to pick up the animals. Mayor also said he is concerned and has been approached regarding the recent burglaries. Chief Nipp made mention that Officer Lawrence just arrested 3 suspects that were caught in a burglary in progress.

Senior Center: No Questions, no comments.

Public Works: Supervisor Anthony Huerta wanted to thank Joy Eveland for repairing the tarp that was torn from the swimming pool. It cost the Town \$65.00 saving us a lot of money. Joy said she was happy to do it because she did it for the kids. Jimmy will be getting trained for animal control. Once he gets that done he will be the one dealing with the animal control calls.

Sanitation: The project at the sanitation plant is completed. We are still waiting for the final check from Arizona Department of Housing to arrive and we should be good for a while at the plant.

Manager: Ms. Gaston attended the CAG Managers meeting. Mr. Ken Hall the Director of CAAG will be here on May 15, 2014. Mr. Hall and Allan from CDBG Grants will be here to do an assessment presentation. They will discuss what they found when they were out in different neighborhoods taking pictures of people's houses. Superior was one of the few communities to be chosen for this project. Ms. Gaston also stated that we are working with CAG and their map system to get a large map of the Cemetery. We are going to put this large map on the wall so we are able to look at the Cemetery and also give anyone who is looking to buy a plot, a better idea where the plots are located and if available. This will take some effort to get all of the maps of the cemetery together and make sure all of the information is correct.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. and B. Requesting approval for the Minutes from the meeting on April 3, 2014 and Special Event Use Permit for Little League Celebrating their 75th Anniversary with a parade that will begin at 4:00 pm. Requesting Main Street closure on April 21, 2014. Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Councilmember Estatico, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration and Approval of Alcohol Beverage Permit for the Magma Club by Tabitha Villaverde for Saturday, May 24, 2014 from 3:00 pm – 1:00 am. Discussion regarding security and underage drinking took place for several minutes. Town Manager recommended approval of permit. Also recommended that if they want to change this policy, direct staff to look into this. Then between the Town Attorney and herself they can work on drawing up something that the Council can approve at a later date. If the Council is going to require security and some kind of insurance, they would be able to look into that. Also there have been some permits already approved by the Council especially one the night before this event. It would not be fair to Mrs. Villaverde to deny her permit. Motion to approve alcohol permit by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Councilmember Alonzo, motion carries.
- B. Discussion and Authorization for Police Chief Mark Nipp to conduct Research into Outsourcing Police/Fire Dispatch and Sign a Letter of Interest. Town Manager and Chief McNeill brought forth a regional grant. The Grant was successful and will be beneficial to the Superior Police. The Grant was not as much as they hoped for but it will be helpful. Ms. Gaston is requesting that this

be approved. To approve authorization for Chief Nipp to conduct his research and that he has the support of Council to talk and do more intense research of specific needs for this project. Also authorize him to sign a letter to the Globe Police Department requesting assistance.

This only allows both departments to work together. Any future proposals will be brought before the Council. After several minutes of discussion a motion to approve and to authorize Chief Nipp to sign letter of interest and go forward with research for outsourcing dispatch made by Councilmember Estatico, second by Councilmember Besich-Lira, motion carries.

- C. Discussion and support for Superior Unified School District Submission of a Grant for a School Resource Officer. At this point Councilmember Besich-Lira recused herself from this discussion since she is a member of the Superior School Board. She sat in the audience for this portion of the meeting.

Police Chief Nipp is asking for permission to enter into negotiations and show support of the Superior Unified School District submitting a grant for a School Resource Officer. The Council will get a copy of the grant once it is finalized. They are asking the Council's approval and if the grant is awarded to the School District, the Council will have to accept the grant at that time. The grant is through the Arizona Department of Education. Chief Nipp and Ms. Gaston feel it is important to make the Council aware of the grant and show support of the School District. Motion to approve and show support for the submission of a grant for a School Resource Officer made by Vice Mayor Lopez, second by Councilmember Tameron, motion carries.

At this time a motion to move into public hearing was made by Mayor Valenzuela.

- D. Mr. Lawrence Tomasello, Home Occupation Permit No. 2014-01; provides for a catering business in an R1-6 (Urban residential) Zoning District, Michael Bingochea (Hing). The applicant is requesting permission to use an existing on-site residential home to operate a catering business. The business will operate from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm., five days a week. Mayor asked if there was anyone from the audience that wanted to speak on this subject since it is a public hearing.

Sonnie Sansom- He opposes this permit and he stated he has a problem with the Home Occupation Permit. If you read Section 13-11B it says that there is to be no selling on the Premises, it states no sales permitted on the premises. Planning and Zoning is the people's property rights law.

Councilmember Estatico questioned Ms. Gaston, who made the motion for this Occupation Permit in the Planning and Zoning meeting? Ms. Gaston responded it was Mr. Sonnie Sansom.

Adjourned Public Hearing to go back into regular session. Motion to approve Home Occupation Permit No. 2014-01; providing for a catering business in an R1-6 Urban Residential Zoning District, for Michael Bingochea (Hing) made by Councilmember Lira, second by Councilmember Alonzo, motion carries.

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Mayor made motion to move in Public Hearing for the next item. At this time Councilmember Besich-Lira recused herself from discussion of this item since she consulted with Ms. Lasch.

- E. Mr. Lawrence Tomasello, Home Occupation Permit No. 2014-3; Providing Art Classes, Making jewelry and Art on-site and Having Occasional Retreats in a Residence Located in an R1-6 (Urban Residential) Zoning District. Marilee Lasch will be conducting Art Classes, occasionally have day long retreats for members of ROAR (Raging Out Against Rape). On page 2 on Conditions of Approval, #2 was corrected and correction is in bold print. On the same page #5 it should read

Monday – Sunday on days of deliveries and pickups where traffic will not be blocked. Vice Mayor Lopez asked if the art classes are free or is there a fee. Mr. Tomasello stated Ms. Lasch can indeed charge a fee for her classes.

Motion from Mayor Valenzuela adjourn Public Hearing and go back to regular session.
Motion to approve Home Occupation Permit 2014-3, Providing Art Classes, Making jewelry and Art on-site and Having Occasional Retreats in a Residence Located in an R1-6 (Urban Residential) Zoning District made by Vice Mayor Lopez, second by Councilmember Estatico, motion carries.

- F. Possible appointment of Planning and Zoning Commissioner. Town Manager, Margaret Gaston stated that on March 20, 2014 the Town accepted the resignation of Commissioner Sonnie Sansom. The position was advertised for two weeks, ending on April 11, 2014. We had no new applicants. The applicants were: Karen Afdahl; Jim Bordenave; Pamela Dalton-Rabago; Hank Gutierrez, Judah Nelson; Kim Ogrin; and Curtis Williams. All of the applicants were contacted and made aware this item would be on the agenda for tonight. Based off of his application, Councilmember Alonzo stated his qualifications as an engineer really stood out for him. Motion to appoint Mr. Jim Bordenave to the Planning and Zoning Board made by Councilmember Alonzo, second by Councilmember Besich-Lira, motion carries.
- G. Economic Development / Annexation Committee. An Advertisement was placed in the Superior Sun and on our Website advertising for people who were interested in the committee to fill out an application. We received six applications: Roy Chavez; Henry Munoz; Soyla Peralta; Ray Ramirez; Curtis Williams and Sandra Doyle. The advertisement ran for an additional two weeks and closed on April 11, 2014. Council has the option to appoint a committee of three or five people or all six.

Town Manager stated that she is hearing from the Council that the Town needs to move ahead with moving westward on annexation. We need to try to get the tax base from the US 60 project which would be the construction sales tax. This would be the only way to collect that tax is to annex westward.

Town Attorney is looking at the maps that Vice Mayor Lopez gave us. With his expertise we can work together and get it done. Ms. Gaston feels is very important that we move forward.

The Town could really use the revenue
The Economic Development/Annexation Committee will and should take direction from this Council.

After a few minutes of discussion a motion by Councilmember Tameron to appoint a three member board; he nominated Ray Ramirez, Henry Munoz and Soyla Peralta as members of The Economic Development/Annexation Committee. Second by Councilmember Estatico, A hand vote was taken. Councilmembers Alonzo, Estatico, Tameron and Mayor Valenzuela all vote "Yes" by a show of hands.

Vice Mayor Lopez and Councilmember Besich-Lira voted "No" by a show of hands.
Motion passes 4 to 3.

Councilmember Besich-Lira asked to be given the opportunity to explain her no vote. She feels that the Council might be putting the cart before the horse and does not want to see staff overwhelmed. There are a lot of other projects that have to get done and didn't want to see staff members overwhelming themselves. She does believe the the new committee will do a good job.

Mayor Valenzuela noticed Mr. Munoz in the audience. He congratulated him for his appointment to the Economic Development/Annexation Committee. Mr. Munoz thanked the Council for having faith and confidence in him and gave a brief history of his life in the Town of Superior.

- H. Discussion and Approval of Affiliation Agreement between Central Arizona College and Town of Superior. Ms. Gaston, this agreement has been reviewed by Stephen R. Cooper, Town Attorney, and does meet his specifications. This Agreement is to include Superior Fire Department as a vehicular site available for use by Central Arizona College. CAC offers clinical experience for Basic Emergency Medical Technicians and Advance Life Support (IEMT and Paramedic Students). We will check with AMRRP, our liability insurance company, first to make sure that all insurance coverage is what AMRRP requires and meets with their approval. Town Attorney has approved this agreement and Town Manager recommends the Council approve the agreement. After a couple of minutes of discussion with Fire Chief Pryor, Mayor Valenzuela called for a motion. Motion to approve the Affiliation Agreement between Central Arizona College and The Town of Superior made by Vice Mayor Lopez, second by Councilmember Besich-Lira, motion carries.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC – A.

Sonnie Sansom- He is not asking for the financial audit. He is asking to see where the money is being spent. He would like to see where it is coming from and where it is going. In the past he has reported a number of zoning violations from residents, nothing has changed. He wants to know if we are going to do anything about it or is the Town just going to let everyone do what they want.

Bill Vogler- He thinks that the Economic/Annexation Committees are a great idea. He just hopes that they sit down with the Chamber of Commerce. Another thing is that if you look around and see what the Town is like. A lot of this is due to Resolution Copper so let's keep this in mind when negotiations are going on.

Robert Saldano- He would like to know what the Town is doing about people that take residence in homes that are vacant. He also would like for someone to tell him what is the length of time someone can

live in a trailer or can anyone live in a trailer. People just seem to take up residence where ever they like. What is the Town doing about this? One last thing, how many officers does the Town have per shift?

Keri Richards- She is here because she would like to see some assistance in regards to the Caboose. The Caboose is vital to Superior and she believes that the Town should have a commitment to keep the bathrooms clean, safe and open during business hours. Her vision for the future is to have everything in the bathrooms automatic. She would like to know how far in debt we are. It is not just the Town who is in debt; it is all of us as residents. You are all doing a good job.

Christine Valenzuela-She is not here as a mother to the Mayor, she is here as a concerned citizen. She has sat on the Council board in the past so she knows this is not an easy job. During last week's meeting, she sat in the back and listened to the speakers that spoke on behalf of the mining company. They were able to speak and give their opinions. When other people got up to speak they were mocked, ridiculed and disrespected. I was disappointed; I didn't believe that adults behaved in that manner. They should have given the same respect they were given when they spoke. She is here also to say we need to let this Council do their job. We put all of these individuals on this board and now we need to let them do what we elected them to do, their job. We have seven people on this Council, all long time members of this community, fourth, fifth and sixth generations. The people on this Council are not going to do anything to hurt the Town of Superior. We need to let them do their job and not question everything they do. Please give them a chance to do their job. She left us with this verse from St. Matthew 12:25 "A city divided shall not stand".

Michael Bingochea- She just wanted to thank the Council for approving her permit. She appreciates the opportunity to go forward with her business. She also had a complaint regarding the alley where she lives. She knows the City does not pick up brush but there is a bunch of trash in this alley and she fears it is a fire hazard.

Pat O'Donnell- He wanted to thank the Council for their support on the IGA. Thank you for helping the school in trying to provide the safest learning environment for our children. When this goes thru we will be back here before the Council. We want to make sure the school and the Town work together and the Town has a voice in this project.

Marilee Lasch- She just wants to say "Thank You" for approving the Home Occupation Permit. She knows she will be able to bring tourist to the Town and then they will spend money in the Town shops and restaurants.

Part B-Call to the Public Response

Mayor:He addressed the question by Mr. Saldano about Officer on duty. He directed this question to Chief of Police Nipp. Chief Nipp stated that they have one officer per shift. At the moment the Sergeant is taking one of the shifts or assisting on one of the shifts. Mr. Saldano will get together with Town Staff.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Councilmember Besich-Lira: Wants to wish everyone a safe and Happy Easter. Also would like to invite members of the Chamber and Council on a trip that EDC is hosting to Cottonwood and maybe that is something that could be extended to Economic/Annexation Committee to attend. It is on May 12, 2014 you have to cover your own expenses. Ms. Besich-Lira took this time to congratulate the two new businesses.

Councilmember Alonzo: He wanted to welcome the new businesses also. Wanted to let everyone know that on Monday April 21, the Little League will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary. This season will begin with a parade down Main Street beginning at 4:00 pm. Followed by a ceremony for the T-Ball Teams at the Little League Field and the regular season will begin. Encouraged everyone to

come and join the festivities and support your local Little League Teams and they have a great concession stand.

Councilmember Estatico: Just wants to invite everyone out to the Little League games, it is the first time ever that they will have a score board. It should be a great time for all of the kids and adults.

Councilmember Tameron: He wanted to wish everyone as well a safe and Happy Easter. He recently took a trip to Cottonwood. He was amazed at the growth and all of the changes that have taken place. He also thinks this could happen to Superior.

Vice Mayor Lopez: The Superior Substance Abuse Coalition is having a program on April 28, in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Superior Jr. /Sr. High School. This is a underage drinking prevention education event.

Also Happy Easter to everybody and congratulations to our new businesses. The girl's High School Softball

Team and Jr. Team are doing real good. They are on their way to the playoff.

Mayor: Wants to wish everybody a safe and Happy Easter.

Town Manager: She also wants to wish everyone a Happy Easter and be safe over the weekend. She wanted to remind everybody we will have a Special Meeting on April 30th. The meeting for May 1st will be canceled due to an event with Superior Schools. Our next regular Council meeting will be on May 15, 2015.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Superior Substance Abuse Coalition, Inc. Arrive Alive and Don't Drink and Drive April 28, 2014.

Special Council Meeting April 30, 2014

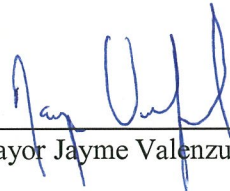
Regular Council Meeting May 1, 2014, is cancelled

Regular Council Meeting May 15, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting by Vice Mayor Lopez, second by Councilmember Alonzo, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.



Mayor Jayme Valenzuela

Attest:



Town Manager Margaret Gaston